

# SOS

Day for  
libraries:

# Thursday 19 October



Libraries are a hub for our communities – bringing a haven to the cities, towns and villages we live in.

Libraries do much more than lend books. There are DVDs, music, yoga classes, IT training and they offer a place to work, relax, discover and think.

But government austerity has hit libraries particularly hard. 478 libraries have closed since 2010 in the UK, and thousands of library workers' jobs have been cut.

Enough is enough.

UNISON's Save our Local Services (SOS) campaign will bring together activists from across the UK on 19 October 2017 to defend the vital libraries we have left.

**Save  
our local  
services**

# Get involved!

- If you only do one thing, join your local library. Demand for library services is important to defend against cuts.
- Find out what your branch or region are doing and attend a local event.
- Organise an event yourself! Pitch a stall on your high street or in your workplace and use it as an opportunity to start conversations. Or hold a fun lunchtime session. Tempting people with cakes is always a good idea! Any excuse to make people aware of what's happening to our libraries.
- Use the hashtag **#SOSlibraries** and get tweeting, Facebooking and Instagramming. Take photos using resources or tell us why you love your library.
- Use the webpage for the most up to date guidance and resources  
**[www.unison.org.uk/saveourlocalservices](http://www.unison.org.uk/saveourlocalservices)**

